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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

The present Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 is responsive to the final Office Action mailed March 19, 2008. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

**FEE CALCULATION**

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_ If checked, "Small Entity" status is claimed.

NO. CLAIMS AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		EXTRA PRESENT		RATE		ADDIT. FEE
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INDEP.	6	MINUS	6	** =	0	X	(\$105 SE or \$210)	\$0
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